

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII DISTRICT (NCNH)
OF THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY (ARS)
Fall Business Meeting Minutes- September 26, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME- SUE BENNETT

- The NCNH Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony via Zoom, was called to order by Sue Bennett, District Director at 9:12am

ROLL CALL- CINDY PHIPPS

- Roll Call was conducted by Cindy Phipps, Secretary.
- Rose Societies present (See Attachment A which lists specific individuals in attendance): Butte, East Bay, Gold Country, Honolulu, Humboldt, Marin, Monterey Bay, Mother Lode, Mount Diablo, North Bay, Peninsula, Redwood Empire, Reno, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sierra Foothills, Southwest Oregon, and Woodland.
- Rose Societies excused: Lodi-Woodbridge
- A quorum was established.

MINUTES OF FALL BUSINESS MEETING (9/26/19)- CINDY PHIPPS

- Minutes from the Fall Business Meeting were sent to all Rose Society Presidents and Board members prior to the meeting.
- Cindy moved to adopt the Fall Business Meeting minutes approved as emailed. Lesa Lane seconded it. Sue asked if anyone had any corrections, additions, or deletions. None were brought forward. All those voting raised their hand (virtually) so a vote could be counted. All approved, none dissented. Motion passed.
- The minutes will be posted on the NCNH website.

TREASURER'S REPORT- LOU EVANS

- The budget and treasurer's report were sent to all Rose Society Presidents and Board members prior to the meeting.
- Lou reported that the checking account had \$15,678.46 based on the last bank statement.
- Certificate of Deposit (CD) was approximately \$16,800 held by First Republic Bank. The CD is set to mature in about a week. The interest rates are now lower between .3%-.4% depending on the term. It was suggested to roll it over for a 4-month term at .3% interest.
- Lou moved to adopt the Budget and Treasurer's report as emailed. Garry Chin seconded. All voters approved and none dissented. The reports will be filed for audit.
- The Budget is already posted on the NCNH website and will be shown as Final.

NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS REPORT-SUE BENNETT FOR MARIANNE JAMESON

- Marianne Jameson coordinated the Silver Medal award process for the District. Unfortunately, she could not be on the call/meeting.
- Sue Bennett announced that this year's winner of the Silver Medal was Lou Evans. Congratulations to Lou!

DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT- LESA LANE

- Nothing to report.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT- SUE BENNETT

- Sue Bennett reported on the ARS garden restoration project at their headquarters in Shreveport, Louisiana. Phase I is done. Phase II is in process and they need another \$60,00 to complete Phase III. She showed a few schematics of the garden and one that showed how one can support Phase II.
- NCNH should be a part of this restoration effort. Lou Evans made a motion to take \$1,000 from the general funds to send to ARS for a Garden Bench (and NCNH name engraved in the donor wall) for the Great Garden Restoration Project. It was seconded by Jolene Adams. All voters approved and none dissented.
- Sue also reported that there have been lots of cancellations of various conferences, meetings, and educational venues because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. She attended the ARS Board meeting recently via Zoom as no one is traveling or meeting in person.
- Several rose societies received longevity recognition and presented with a copy of certificate from ARS (Sue will mail the originals to the Presidents):
 - Sacramento Rose Society, 80 years
 - North Bay Rose Society, 40 years
 - Peninsula Rose Society, 65 years
 - Redwood Empire Rose Society, 55 years
 - Honolulu Rose Society, 45 years
 - Monterrey Rose Society, 40 years

IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR- JOAN GOFF

- Nothing to report

PARLIMENTARIAN REPORT- RICK SYDOR

- Proposed changes to the By-Laws were sent to all Rose Society Presidents and Board members prior to the meeting.
- Rick reported the proposed changes made to the By-Laws to accommodate electronic meetings in Article VII, Section 5 and under Article IV, Section 3 the definition of a quorum was added. Both proposed changes were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

Article VII, Section 5

"Meetings Held Electronically. Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, meetings of the Board and/or NCNH shall be conducted through use of Internet (electronic) meeting services designated by the District Director that support anonymous voting and support visible displays identifying those participating, identifying those seeking recognition to speak, showing (or permitting the retrieval of) the text of pending motions, and showing the results of votes. These electronic meetings of the Board shall be subject to all rules adopted by the Board, to govern them, which may include any reasonable limitations on, and requirements for, Board members' participation. Any such rules adopted by the Board shall supersede any

conflicting rules in the parliamentary authority but may not otherwise conflict with or alter any rule or decision of the District. An anonymous vote conducted through the designated Internet meeting service shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be conducted by ballot. The notes from this meeting will be filed at the next meeting.”

Article IV, Section 3 the definition of a quorum was added:

“The Executive Board shall include the Executive Committee plus the Committee Chairmen that are appointed by the District Director and they shall make recommendations to the District Council. A quorum for an Executive Board meeting will be a majority of the Executive Committee plus a third of the appointed Committee Chairmen.”

- Rick moved to adopt the By-Law changes as emailed and Martine LaBelle seconded. All voters approved and none dissented.
- The By-Law changes will go into effect immediately and will be posted on the NCNH website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSULTING ROSARIANS (CR)- JOLENE ADAMS

- A virtual CR School was held late June and through July, sponsored by ARS. NCNH had 4 candidates and they all passed the test and are now CR's in the NCNH District. Several CR's also audited the School. The new CR's are Debbie Dinoto, (formerly of San Joaquin now a member of Sierra Foothills); Mariam Farrar (Mount Diablo); Mehran Sadri (Santa Clara); and Patti Spezzaferro (Peninsula). Certificates are on order with ARS.
- We have five new Master Rosarians who will be presented with a Certificate and a Master Rosarian pin at the pleasure of their respective local rose societies. They are: Eleanor Ackerman (Lodi-Woodbridge); Corinne Clifton (Southwest Oregon); Bill Dornik (North Bay); Alicia Stewart (Butte); and Sandy Simon (Marin).
- The Outstanding Consulting Rosarian for the NCNH District is Marsha Yokomichi from Honolulu Rose Society. Congratulations to Marsha!
- Jolene is updating the Roses In Review table for NCNH; 4 CR's haven't completed their report yet.

HORTICULTURE JUDGES- MARTINE LABELLE

- No annual report was required for 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic; but all judges need to keep their ARS status active.
- The Outstanding Horticulture Judge was awarded to Lesa Lane. Congratulations Lesa!

ARRANGEMENT JUDGES-MARTIN KOOI

- No annual report was required for 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic; but all judges need to keep their ARS status active.
- The Prizes and Awards Committee has approved the measures concerning renaming the “Oriental” rosettes to “East Asian” and the scheme for scheduling National Trophies by

unanimous votes. These changes will be submitted to the ARS Board of Directors for final approval.

- The Outstanding Arrangement Judge was awarded to Barbara Gordon. Congratulations Barbara!

PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGES- BETTY MOTT

- Betty presented that the ARS Photography Committee sent a proposal to the ARS Board of Directors to ease the use of disqualifications in rose photography. Judges should be considerate of the exhibitor and should only DQ an exhibit in severe cases. Changes will be published in the updated manual and on the website.
- Deadline for the ARS photo contest is 11/5/20 and 11/30/20 for High School students.
- Photo Judges will not be required to complete an annual report this year.

THE CRITERION- LINDA AND TED BURG - No report submitted

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR- GAIL TRIMBLE (ACTING) - Nothing to report

TROPHIES AND AWARDS- DAVE COOP - Nothing to report

RAFFLE- SUE MAGILL AND CHERILYN DUNCAN - Nothing to report

ROSES IN REVIEW (RIR)- JERRY GEORGETTE

- Deadline to complete RIR is September 26th.
- Preliminary report: 184 in the NCNH District have completed RIR & 146 of those are CR's
- Sue Bennett presented Jerry with a Certificate for the NCNH District having the highest number of RIR submissions for 2019. Congratulations Jerry!

DISTRICT DIRECTORY- SUE BENNETT

- Make sure the information published in the 2020 NCNH Directory is correct
- Dave Coop mailed them out to the Local Rose Society presidents

HISTORIAN- ANN MARIE HARRIS

Ann Marie Harris' report was read as follows: This year brings mixed news for preserving our District and local society records. In the West we are again besieged by fires causing loss of life and property plus the loss of historical records.

The first volume of our Gold-Medal winning District newsletter, The Criterion, seems to have been published in 1972. I have no issues from 1972 through 1983. Other missing issues are Spring 2009, Summer 2008, February 1985, and May 1985.

I have no idea whether the NCNH District Directory began when our District was created in 1942, as the oldest directory received by me was 1960. There is now a complete record from 1960 through 2020 except for 1974.

NCNH Roses-in-Review Still Missing: 2016-2018, 2009-2014, 2001, and all pre-1988 RIR reports. NCNH Proof in the Pudding from 1975 to 1979 and before 1975. Whatever was published on rose evaluations from 1980 through 1987.

NCNH Secretary: Minutes & Agendas: status pending until inventory complete and assessment of electronic records is made.

Rose show schedules and results: This is a work in progress as many of these items have not yet even been cataloged or even delivered here for cataloging. Jolene Adams has been kind enough to store boxes of these records and other records until we can meet in person again.

A few of our NCNH local societies have been sending me electronic versions of their newsletters since converting from print to emailed pdf and html formats. The html's are being converted to pdf's as needed and being combined with the pdf's on a single disc which are being provided to those societies. An example of what will be on these discs is shown here (Gold Country Rose Society). As you can see, the membership rosters, bylaws, show schedules and other records will also be on the same disc.

There is still quite a bit more material to be obtained/borrowed, scanned, and organized. Over 20,000 pages have already been scanned. There is a backlog of over 12.5 linear feet of printed material (>25,000 pages), hundreds of photographs, uncounted boxes of slides, and a few scrapbooks still being scanned. Some members have been quite diligent in sharing their materials so those items can be preserved. I thank you for helping with this project.

Now for the rest of you, please check with me or my successor before you pitch things and do consider sharing newer items so there is a digital backup available for the future should you be one of the unfortunate members who loses their home. If you have and are willing to lend or donate any of these missing items, it would be greatly appreciated. Your loaned originals will be returned to you after it is digitized.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2021 SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

- The Spring Business Meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2021; hosted by the Sierra Foothills Rose Society in Roseville, CA. We may need to hold the meeting virtually via Zoom. This will be re-evaluated at the end of January to determine if we can meet face-to-face.

NEW BUSINESS

- An email was sent to all Rose Society Presidents and Board members prior to the titled "NCNH Business Meeting which transpired via emails", (**See Attachment B**) In-lieu of a Spring Business Meeting due to Covid-19, the above mentioned email contained two other emails that transpired between NCNH District Director and local rose society Presidents.
- Cindy moved to adopt the email titled "NCNH Business Meeting which transpired via emails" and Lesa Lane seconded it. Sue asked if anyone had any corrections, additions, or deletions. None were brought forward. All those voting raised their hand (virtually) so a vote could be counted. All approved, none dissented. Motion passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED

- Sue Bennett announced that “per our By-Laws, Rick Sydor, Parliamentarian, is Chair of the Nominating Committee. The remaining committee is: Jan Burnham (Butte); Otto Lund (Monterrey); Ann Marie Harris (Reno); Maryanne Razzo (San Francisco)
- Thank you to the Committee and Thank you to Jolene Adams for putting the committee together. Sue asked Rick if he wanted to say a few words:
- Rick announced NCNH needs to elect a Deputy District Director, Treasurer, Secretary and Awards Chair. Thanked the Committee members and that he will be scheduling a meeting soon with the Committee. Look for an email.
- The nominees will be presented at the District Board meeting in January and voted on at the Spring Business Meeting in March.

RAFFLE: NONE

- Ann Marie Harris asked what we are doing for donations since we have not met in person?
 - Lou mentioned that it’s about a “wash” since Sue Bennett has not been able to travel so the District has saved money on that end.
 - It was suggested that we might have a fundraising raffle via Zoom. Lou, Jolene, Martine and Jerry volunteered to look into the possibility. It could be posted on the NCNH Website.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS - None

Meeting Adjourned: 10:36am

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Phipps
NCNH District Secretary

ATTACHMENT A
ROLL CALL

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VIRTUAL LOCAL ROSE SOCIETY ATTENDEES

(Note: please look at the Roll Call to make sure we have your name and other folks from your society that we might have missed).

Butte Rose Society-

(6) Julie Matlin, Sarah Williams, Neva Young, Jean Miller, Gwen Quail, Jan Burnham

East Bay Rose Society-

(2) *Martine LaBelle, *Jolene Adams

Gold Country Rose Society-

(2) *Dave Coop and Ruth Coop

Honolulu Rose Society-

(2) Myrna Cariaga, Marsha Yokomichi

Humboldt Rose Society-

(2) Jack Saffell, Paula Grabowski

Lodi-Woodbridge Rose Society-

Excused

Marin Rose Society-

(4) *Betty Mott, *Gail Trimble, *Joan Goff, Paula Jaffe

Monterrey Rose Society-

(2) Otto Lund, Marjorie Callahan

Mother Lode Rose Society-

(1) Kathy Pifari

Mount Diablo Rose Society-

(1) *Lou Evans

North Bay Rose Society-

(2) Eileen Jackson, Karen Ann McCann

Peninsula Rose Society-

(2)Patti Spezzaferro, Judy Webster

Redwood Empire Rose Society-

(3) *Martin Kooi, Cher Frechette, Karen Ernsberger

Reno Rose Society-

(2) *Ann Marie Harris, Rebecca Shaw

Sacramento Rose Society-

(2)Debbie Arrington, *Cherilyn Duncan

San Francisco Rose Society-

(2) Maryanne Razzo, Hilary Elkin

San Mateo Rose Society-

(2) Ann Murray, *Jerry Georgette

Santa Clara Rose Society-

(3) Lynnette and John Petrula, Barbara Gordon

Shasta Rose Society-

(2) *Lesa Lane, Teresa Star

Sierra Foothills Rose Society-

(6) Garry Chin, Linda Knowles, Kay Jelten, *Rick Sydor, *Cindy Phipps, *Sue Bennett

Southwestern Oregon Rose Society-

(4) Ed and Maryanne Kreutzer, Corinne Clifton, Lou Kolkhorst

Woodland Library Rose Society-

(1) Maryellen McKenzie

* NCNH Board Members

ATTACHMENT B

NCNH District COUNCIL LETTER SENT BY SUE BENNETT

Following is the letter sent on May 7, 2020:

Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020, 01:44:00 PM PDT

Subject: NCNH Info on Presidents VOTING

Dear NCNH Presidents, District Council Members

Thank you to those presidents and delegates who voted.

Out of 22 societies 16 societies were represented.

Out of 22 societies x 2 (one delegate each) total votes can be up to 44; there were a total of 24 votes for the four motions in this message.

All motions as noted below were passed by a majority vote and a majority of societies.

This message in its entirety will be filed for the March 2020 Business meeting.

Thank you again, for those who took time to vote. Greatly appreciated.

Stay Safe, Sue Bennett

On Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 03:15:33 PM PDT, Sue Bennett wrote:

Dear NCNH Presidents, District Council Members

With the spring business meeting cancelled, I want to provide an update as well as have a vote on several items that require attention. Please forward this onto your delegates so they may vote.

1) I hope everyone is Safe and Healthy. Who would have thought we are "under quarantine" or whatever term you want to use! At least the sun is shining today.

2) NCNH DISTRICT DIRECTORIES: Dave Coop mailed the directories and included an invoice with those who ordered extra. The district will pick up the cost of mailing. Please submit your society payment to Lou Evans, Treasurer.

NOTE 1: Thank you to Jolene who sent out an email to update the Programs Topics/Services Section which is now called Speaker's Bureau.

NOTE 2: The Bylaws & Standing Rules have been added. Please take time to read them. Please note that there are deadlines in there for responding to our secretary for meetings (and voting!).

NOTE 3: The Individual Listings Section now includes a column identifying ARS Members. It replaced the Program. I am very happy to see that a good percent of members listed are ARS members.

3) BUSINESS MEETING UPDATES –

a) Introduction of the new District Deputy Director (DDD) was led by Sue Bennett, DD. After Rick Sydor confirmed a quorum was present to nominate and elect a new DDD, discussions of Lesa Lane's qualifications followed. Lou Evans moved that Lesa Lane be nominated for DDD, 2nd by Jolene. Motion Carried by unanimous vote. Welcome Lesa.

b) There is now a Request for Reimbursement form. Lou will have Gail put it on the website.

c) Everyone please reply to me: NOTE THERE ARE FOUR ITEMS YOU NEED TO VOTE ON. PLEASE VOTE FOR EACH ONE: V1 Yes, V2, Yes, V3 Yes & V4 Yes YOU NEED TO VOTE ON:

V1) A motion was made by Cindy Phipps to accept the Sept 2019 Business Meeting Minutes sent as email attachment to the District Council by Secretary Cindy Phipps. 2nd by Lesa Lane.

V2) A motion was made by Jolene Adams to accept the 2019 Year-End Actuals Report as email attachment sent to the District Council by Secretary Cindy Phipps. 2nd by Cindy Phipps.

V3) A motion was made by Jolene Adams to accept the Proposed 2020 Treasurer's Report as email attachment sent to the District Council by Secretary Cindy Phipps. 2nd by Cindy Phipps.

V4) A motion was made by Lou Evans to transfer \$1,000 from the ARS Patron Funds to the ARS Research Endowment Trust. 2nd by Cindy Phipps.

d) The Peninsula Rose Society rescinded their invitation to hold the 2020 NCNH District Conference & Rose Show.

We need a society to come up to the plate to host an upcoming meeting in September -- Contact me ASAP if you are interested. I am flexible.

e) ARS Membership report as of January: 7,076 total Regular members + 8,582 E-membership = 13,984 (1,674 are both Regular & E-members)

f) The Arrangement School has been postponed. The Hort Judges' School at Baldo's in June has been postponed as well.

g) The ARS National Convention & Rose, show originally scheduled for June 17-21, 2020, has been rescheduled to August 26 - 30, 2020. Host: Pikes Peak Rose Society Location: Colorado Springs, CO Hotel: Hotel Eleganté, Colorado Springs, CO Please let me know if there is anything else you would like me to share.

Thank you for all you do for NCNH and your local society(ies).

Cheers, Sue Bennett NCNH DD